

DELAWARE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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PUBLIC COMMENT  
Thursday, August 17, 2006

Dear Karen,

My husband and I will not be well enough to attend the meeting on 18 or 31 August but I hope our comments to you will hold some meaning when you deliberate the problems of coal energy and how it effects the health of us in Delaware.

We have been involved with the Indian River Power Plant and its pollution since we moved to Delaware in 1992 once we retired. We have been coming to Dewey Beach since 1962. We have owned property in the area since 1976 and have run a business here since 1985.

We have personally been effected by the pollution in our area, and had we been more aware of the problems the NRG Coal Plant at Indian River was causing the citizens of Delaware, we would NEVER have retired here.

We have been to many meetings held by DNREC and the Clean Air Committee, and have listened to the NRG owners talk about their plans for their new plant and the continuation of their old plant. We never heard a thing from our Department of Health even though the statistics of the health problems caused by this plant and the Edge Moor plant are well documented. Will you call upon them to speak to this issue at your 18 & 31 August meetings? It is time that someone stood up for the citizens of Delaware who are sick and dying because of these plants. You are our last HOPE.

We are attaching a letter we wrote to the newspapers here and up north in hopes you will understand our position. We look forward to your reply to our request and wish you God speed in your efforts to help us.

Dewey Beach & Lewes

Attachment:

**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2006 11:01 AM  
**Subject:** [Fwd: Letter to the Editor]

Letter to the Editor

Subject : Delawareans Deserve Nothing Less than Clean Offshore Wind Power  
This is in response to the Cape Gazette's headliner last Friday, 28 July 2006. regarding NRG purchasing Padoma's Wind Power Company.

This article was a little misleading. The readers may believe NRG is going to consider placing a Clean Offshore Wind Power Farm in Southern Delaware. We would be the first ones appauling this action if it were true. However, what NRG has done is purchase the company. Thus far, it has not indicated when or where it might decide to place new Wind Power Farms.

NRG hopes that they can mislead us by mentioning the Wind Power Company. Thus it appears that they are attempting to obscure the fact that they are asking DNREC to allow them to continue polluting with their old plant at Indian River and to allow them to add to this pollution with the a new coal gasification plant at that site..

We have had ENOUGH. For more than 50 years our lives and our health have been threaten by this facility.

Now Governor Minner has the opportunity to leave a legacy to Delawareans by DENYING DNREC's proposal to allow NRG to continuing with their old plant and to build a new plant. We had been in favor of the new plant because we thought it would replace the dirty plant, we now find that is not true and that NRG plans to continue operating the old plant. Especially since we now know they have the capability to BUILD a CLEAN Offshore Wind Power Farm.

Such a farm would not only be pollution free but would make money for Delaware by selling excess electricity to the regional power grid. This would probably result in a reduction of our very high electric bills.

Our children deserve the best, and Clean Offshore Wind Power is the Best.

We will not accept less nor should we have too. Governor Minner and Secretary Hughes have the power to make this happen and we DEMAND that they do so..

Dewey Beach/ Lewes.